Cycling in the New Forest

A guide and MAP to help cyclists enjoy the New Forest

Conserve • Protect • Enjoy

**New Forest Cycle Code**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE CODE**

Be safe - always wear a helmet

**6. HATCHET POND**

This code has been compiled by a forum during World War II, Wilverley Plain was ploughed and sown with much needed crops. Today this extensive grassy area is ideal for having a picnic or playing games. There is easy access into the adjoining woodland with way-marked trails.

Do not be the one who gives them a bad name. Thousands of cyclists use the forest responsibly.

For further information please contact:

**HIRE**

**BBQ**

**TAKE...nothing away except your litter**

Disturbance to other users

Disturbance to wildlife

Dispose of barbecues carefully

Disposable barbecues can only be used at the forest. These follow well-defined tracks, old railway lines, and minor roads. The network is easily accessible from the railway stations at Ashurst, Brockenhurst and Sway. All routes are clearly shown on the map overleaf.

**7. Blackwater and Bolderwood**

The place to visit to discover more about British reptiles and amphibians, and their conservation in the New Forest. Open from Easter until October, special pens give you the chance to see these rare and reclusive creatures.

**8. ANDERWOOD**

A charming village, partly surrounded by woodland and set in the Beaulieu River valley. The famous Beaulieu Estate contains a ruined 13th Century Abbey, Palace House and the renowned National Motor Museum. The nearby shipbuilding village of Bucklers Hard is also well worth a visit.

On your visit to the area please...

The ponies and cattle which often graze this grassy lawn are owned by the local commoners but are wild, and should be left alone. They can bite or kick unexpectedly and feeding encourages them to come near people, roads and traffic. This can result in accidents and animal deaths.

Remember that local byelaws apply to
dog walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders. The sudden appearance of bikes may be frightening for ground nesting birds and not return.

**5. WHITEFIELD MOOR**

A small village in the north of the forest, with its famous Royal Oak inn where smugglers are reputed to have gathered in the 1700s. North west of the village is the beautiful Eyeworth Pond.

**4. BLACKWATER**

A lovely glade, about half a mile north of Brookley Road. A great place to go for a picnic or to listen to nature. The ponies and cattle in the forest are owned by the local commoners but are wild, and should be left alone.

**Towns and Villages**

**FRITHAM**

In the heart of the New Forest, this village is set amidst some of the loveliest scenery in the area. The forest begins its descent to the Beaulieu River valley as it passes through the village. At the end of the village street, there is a wide ford known as the Watersplash.

**LYNDHURST**

Set in the heart of the New Forest, this is a small village with a wide variety of shops and services. There are over 100 miles of approved cycle routes across the New Forest. These routes are approved by the Verderers.

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**Putting the Forest First**

The New Forest is a wonderful place to cycle. Over 900 years ago. Centuries of grazing by ponies, cattle and deer combined with forestry, have shaped the landscape into what you see today. The New Forest is a nature conservation area with many rare habitats and wildlife species.